

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Cook S2466

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State of North Carolina Northampton County: SS

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Christopher Cook a resident of said County aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832;

That he was on the 9th of July 1780 drafted in Northampton County as a private for the term of three months in Captain Henry Burns company, the Regiment North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel Seawell [Benjamin Seawell]— in this Company the applicant marched through North Carolina on their way to South Carolina until they reached the high hills of Pedee, when they heard of the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates] [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]; they retreated to North Carolina. This applicant was confined at Chatham Court House from a wound in the foot or leg, where he was discharged. This discharge was signed by the Doctor of the hospital.

He was again drafted in August or September 1781 as a private for three months in Northampton County in Captain Joel Sherrod's company and under his orders marched to Halifax North Carolina where he remained with his company for some time. He marched with his company towards New Bern, & was discharged in Edgecombe County North Carolina. His discharge was signed by his Captain.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He has no documentary evidence to support his claim, but refers the Department to the testimony of James Seat a revolutionary soldier, herewith filed.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Christopher Cook, X his mark

There follows the answers to the interrogatories propounded by the Court, as prescribed by the War Department¹

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

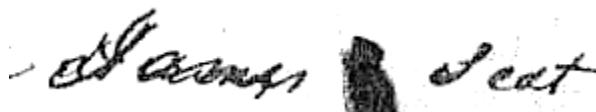
1. Ansr. He was born in Sussex County Virginia 10th February 1756
2. I have no record of my age
3. I was living in Northampton County when I entered the service, where I have chiefly lived since and where I live now.
4. I was drafted when I [was] called into the service.
5. Colonel Seawell, Lieutenant Colonel Seawell; Captain Burn commanded the North Carolina militia
6. I have received discharges for my tour of duty, the first discharge from the Doctor at the Hospital in Chatham North Carolina the second discharge by Captain Joel Sherrod.
7. I can refer of the War Department to Colonel William B Lockhart at Jackson, Collin W. Barnes Esquire, Doctor John Pelle Murfreesboro, as to my character for veracity and a belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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James Seat a resident of Northampton County North Carolina aged 79 being duly sworn saith that he knows & is well acquainted with applicant Christopher Cook and he knows of his services in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier, particularly in the year 1780 when the applicant was as this deponent knows in Captain Henry Burns Company Regiment North Carolina militia.

Sworn to in open Court date above

S/ James Seat²



[William H. Hardee, and James H Wood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid Christopher Cook who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that by reason of old age he cannot swear positively to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: For two months at Wilmington North Carolina as a private I served in 1776. For three months I served as a private in Captain Burns Company. For two months I served as a private in Captain Sherrod's Company. In all seven months and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to before me this fifth of March 1833

S/ James Crump, JP

S/ Christopher Cook, X his mark

Personally appeared before me as aforesaid Nicholas Tyner³ a resident of North Hampton aged

^{5th} State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

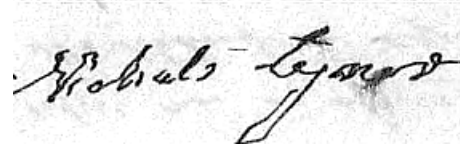
^{6th} Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

^{7th} State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Since

² [James Seat S7473](#)

eighty years old – and deposeth that he claims as a Revolutionary Soldier as the record of the Army will show, & he well recollects at Wilmington in 1776 that Christopher Cook the applicant above named was there doing duty as a militia Private. He would state that he has known Mr. Cook from a boy, & that he has always born and exemplary character, & is a member of the Baptist Church.

S/ Nicholas Tyner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicholas Tyner". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]